

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of original claim 9, as well as the subject matter of original claims 5, 7, and 8, from which claim 9 originally depended.

2. Rejection of Claims 6-10 and 17-19 Under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph

This rejection has been addressed by correcting the grammatical and antecedence errors noted in item 4-15 on pages 2 and 3 of the Official Action, as well as additional grammatical and antecedence errors. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in proper U.S. format and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 UDC §112, 2nd Paragraph is respectfully requested.

3. Rejections of Claims 1-8 Under 35 USC §103(a)

These rejections have been rendered moot by the incorporation, into claim 1, of the subject matter of original claim 9 and intervening claims. Claim 9 was indicated as allowable in item 2 on page 2 of the Official Action.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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